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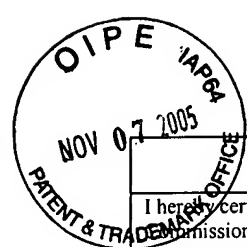
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REQUIREMENT**

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Title

Transabdominal Surgery System

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2005 for which a one-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 4, 2005.

**THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Official Action dated October 4, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions identified by the Examiner:

Group I: claims 1-5 and 11-43 drawn to a transabdominal access system; and

Group II: claims 6-10 drawn to a method for providing transabdominal access.

The Examiner further required an election of species among the following species that the Examiner identified:

"Species I" – Figs. 1A and 1B;

"Species II": Embodiment shown in Fig. 2;

"Species III": Embodiment shown in Fig. 3;

"Species IV": Embodiment shown in Fig. 4;

"Species V": Embodiment shown in Fig. 5;

"Species VI": Embodiment shown in Figs. 6A-6B;

"Species VII": Embodiment shown in Fig. 7;

"Species VIII": Embodiment shown in Fig. 8;

"Species IX": Embodiment shown in Fig. 9;

“Species X”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 10;  
“Species XI”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 11;  
“Species XII”: Embodiment shown in Figs. 12-13;  
“Species XIII”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 14;  
“Species XIV”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 15;  
“Species XV”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 16;  
“Species XVI”: Embodiment shown in Figs. 17A-18D;  
“Species XVII”: Embodiment shown in Figs. 19A-19B; and  
“Species XVIII”: Embodiment shown in Fig. 20.

The Examiner further indicated that no claim is generic to all of the listed species.

The Examiner required election of one of the above-listed inventions and one of the above listed species to be responsive to the Office Action.

#### **RESPONSE**

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Species II, including claims 1, 11-15, 20 and 22, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be an undue burden upon the Office to examine all of the claims in the instant application together in this case.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper response has been made to the Restriction Requirement., and that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

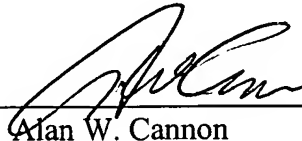
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